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Ms Kiran Sharma,  
#4162, LIG Flat,  
Phase-2, Urban Estate, Dugri,  
Ludhiana-141013

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Anti Fraud Staff,  
Police Lines, Ludhiana

Respondents

**COMPLAINT CASE NO. 278 OF 2023**

Present :- (i) None for the Complainant.  
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Gurpal Singh, ASI (9779454176)

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.10.2024.

2. The Complainant is not present today. However, she has filed her submissions through e-mail. Copy of the same is taken on record.

3. The respondent states that the information has already been sent to the Complainant. He has also brought the original dispatch register to prove that the information has been provided to the Complainant.

4. The Commission has gone through the same and have ascertained that the record produced by the respondent today does not relate to the RTI of the Complainant. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. It is abundantly clear that such matters are being ignored and set aside without application of mind which reflects disrespect towards that RTI act 2005 itself.

5. However, before taking any penal proceedings against the Respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give one last opportunity to him to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing. The PIO is however, cautioned to exercise due care in future to ensure that correct and complete information is furnished timely to the RTI applicant(s) as provisions of the Act failing which penal proceedings under Section 20 shall be initiated.

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**COMPLAINT CASE NO. 278 OF 2023**

6. To come up on 15.04.2025 at **11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.  
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated :12.03.2025

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)  
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Sh Rajinder Kumar, S/o Sh Dharampal,  
House No. 234/5 B, Park Road,  
New Mandi, Dhuri, DisttSangrur

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer  
O/o Managing Director, Markfed, Punjab,  
Sector-35, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Managing Director, Markfed, Punjab,  
Sector-35, Chandigarh

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2980 OF 2023**

Present :- (i) Sh Rajinder Kumar, appellant along with ShPrem Kumar Rattan  
(ii) For the respondent: Sh Pawan Kumar, CIA (98153-28463) Sh Baldev krishan  
Salesman, (O/o Markfed, Pb Chandigarh)

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 06.11.2024.

2. The appellant Sh Rajinder Kumar states that he has not received any information till date.
3. The Respondent states that the information is lying with PIO O/o Markfed, Sangrur.
4. The perusal of the case file shows that the information has not been provided to the appellant. As directed in the previous hearing, no one has appeared on behalf of PIO O/o Markfed, Sangrur. The respondent has not even filed their point-wise specific reply.

Further, as directed in the previous hearing, the respondent-PIO O/o MARKFED, Pb Chandigarh, has also not filed his point wise reply today. This shows that the respondents have no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the Respondents in responding to the RTI application. It was felt that conduct of Respondents was against the spirit of the RTI Act

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**APPEAL CASE NO. 2980 OF 2023**

2005, which was enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information.

However, before taking any penal proceedings against both the Respondents, the Commission wishes to give **one last opportunity** to them to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing and file their point-wise specific replies indicating the position of each issue as to whether the information has been supplied and if not, the reason thereof. It is made clear that in case any of the party do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.

5. To come up on **21.05.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

**(Dr.Bhupinder S. Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

**Date: 12.03.2025**

**THROUGH REGISTERED POST**

*CC: PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, (FOR NECESSARY COMPLIANCE)  
O/O MARKFED, SANGRUR*

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Sh. Deepak Goyal, S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar,  
R/o Bank Street , New BastiNabha,  
DisttPatiala.M : 9878812888.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Markfed , Punjab  
Sector 35, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Markfed , Punjab  
Sector 35, Chandigarh.

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2727 OF 2023**

Present :- (i) None for the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent :Sh Pawan Kumar, CIA (98153-28463) Sh Baldev krishan Salesman, Sh Sambhav Sharma, Sr Asstt. (95929-02000) Sh Subhash Kumar, Supdt (98158-64848) Sh Shiv Kumar, Sr Asstt (98786-34534) (O/o Markfed, Pb Chandigarh)

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 06.11.2024.

2. The appellant is not present today. However, he has sent an e-mail intimating that he shall not be able to attend the hearing today. He has also filed his submissions through an e-mail. Copies of the same are taken on record.

3. The Respondent states that the information is lying with PIO O/o Markfed, Sangrur.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant is not present today. As directed in the previous hearing, no one has appeared on behalf of PIO O/o Markfed, Sangrur. The Respondent O/o Markfed, Sangrur has even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing nor filed any reply.

During the previous hearing dated 06.11.2024, PIO O/o MARKFED, Pb Chandigarh was directed to file an affidavit stating that *the information that has been supplied is true, complete and no other information is available in their official record*. But it is observed that

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**APPEAL CASE NO. 2727 OF 2023**

they have failed to file the same. This shows that the respondents have no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the Respondents in responding to the RTI application. It was felt that conduct of Respondents was against the spirit of the RTI Act 2005, which was enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information.

However, before taking any penal proceedings against both the Respondents i.e. (PIO, o/o Markfed, Chandigarh and PIO, O/o Markfed, Sangrur), the Commission wishes to give **one last opportunity** to file their replies on the next date of hearing with a copy to the appellant, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act will be initiated. *It is made clear that in case any of the party do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.*

5. To come up on **21.05.2025 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated :12.03.2025**

**Sd/-  
(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab**

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O/O MARKFED, SANGRUR*

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Sh. Hakam Singh, S/o Sh. Darshan Singh,  
R/o Madhir, Tehsil Gidderbaha,  
Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Markfed , Punjab  
Sector 35, Chandigarh.

2.Public Information Officer,  
O/o Markfed, Sri Mukatsar Sahib

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Markfed , Punjab  
Sector 35, Chandigarh.

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2797 OF 2023**

Present :- (i) None for the appellant.  
(ii) For the respondent :Sh Pawan Kumar, CIA (98153-28463) Sh  
Baldevkrishan Salesman, (O/o Markfed, Pb Chandigarh)

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 06.11.2024 vide which the appellant was not present and the PIO O/o MARKFED, Sri Mukatsar Sahib was impleaded as Respondent no. 2.

2. The appellant is again not present today.

3. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant is absent for second consecutive hearing. As directed in the previous hearing, no one has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents i.e. PIO, o/o Markfed Sri Mukatsar Sahib nor has any communication been received from them. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the Respondent in responding to the RTI application. It was felt that conduct of Respondent



**APPEAL CASE NO. 2797 OF 2023**

was against the spirit of the RTI Act 2005, which was enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information.

However, before taking any penal proceedings against the Respondent PIO no.2, the Commission wishes to give **one last opportunity** to him to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing.

4. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
5. To come up on **21.05.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated :12.03.2025**

Sd/-  
**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

*Note: Sh Raman Kant Singla, Technical officer (95929-02042) O/o Respondent no. 2, appeared after the hearing was over. He states that he has brought his point-wise specific reply along with the copy of information. He is directed to send the copy of the information to the appellant through registered post within ten days from the receipt of this order.*

*On receipt of the information, the Appellant is advised to go through the same and point out the deficiencies in the information provided by the Respondent. Further the respondents are directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing. The case stands adjourned on **21.05.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.*

**Dated :12.03.2025**

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Shri Balraj Singh, (98159 23328)  
S/o Shri Gurdev Singh, R/o Village Kundal,  
Tehsil Abohar, District Fazilka.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o A.P.O, MNREGA,  
Block ArniwalaShekhSubhan,  
District Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Fazilka.

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 6109 OF 2022**

Present :- None for the parties.

**ORDER**

*This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.09.2023, passed by former SIC, Sh. Maninder Singh Patti.* The above said appeal case was earlier allocated to Sh. Maninder Singh Patti, SIC. After his retirement, the said appeal case was reallocated to the undersigned. The RTI application is dated 28.06.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 07.12.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 12.03.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. This is the first date of hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **one last opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. Respondent is directed to send point-wise complete specific reply to the appellant in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt

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**APPEAL CASE NO. 6109 OF 2022**

along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records. ***It is made clear that in case any of the party do not appear on the next date of hearing , appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.***

3. To come up on **21.05.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.  
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date :12.03.2025**

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Sh. Ankit Sehgal, C/o Bombay Studio  
Near Main Post Office Chowk,  
Pathankot.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o SDO, Construction Sub Division  
PWD B&R, Tarn Taran.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Superintending Engineer,  
PWD B&R, Construction Circle,  
Amritsar.

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2275 OF 2023**

Present :- (i) None for the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Rajwinder Singh, Clerk (94171-71993)

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 06.11.2024 vide which the respondent was not present.

2. The appellant is not present today. However, he has sent an e-mail intimating that he has not received the information till date. Copy of the same is taken on record.
3. Sh. Rajwinder Singh, Clerk is appearing on behalf of the respondent today. He has sought some time to provide the information.
4. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant is not present today. However, the information has not been provided to him till date. The respondent has sought some time today.

On the request of the respondent, the above said appeal case is adjourned to **21.05.2025 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties..

Date :12.03.2025

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Ms.Bholi, Sarpanch, (9878218283)  
Village Dalelgarh, Malerkotla.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Malerkotla.

First Appellate Authority  
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Malerkotla.

Respondent

**APPEAL CASE NO. 6129 OF 2022**

Present :- None for the parties.

**ORDER**

*This order may be read with reference to the previous orders passed by the former SIC Sh.Maninder Singh Patti vide which the appellant was not present and the respondent stated that the enquiry is pending. Further he has sought some time. After his retirement, the said appeal case was reallocated to the undersigned. The RTI application is dated 29.08.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 07.12.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 12.03.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.*

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. This is the first date of hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice one last opportunity is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. *It is made clear that in case any of the party do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.*

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**APPEAL CASE NO. 6129 OF 2022**

3. To come up on **21.05.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.  
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date :12.03.2025**

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Sh. Sandeep Singh, (9877441835)  
S/o Sh. Malkit Singh, VPO Khanpur,  
Tehsil & Distt Malerkotla.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o XEN, Panchayati Raj,  
Public Work Division, Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o XEN, Panchayati Raj,  
Public Work Division, Sangrur.

Respondent

**APPEAL CASE NO. 6136 OF 2022**

Present :- None for the parties.

**ORDER**

*This order may be read with reference to the previous order passed by the former SIC Sh. Maninder Singh Patti dated 23.08.2023 vide which the appellant was advised to point out deficiencies. After his retirement, the said appeal case was reallocated to the undersigned. The RTI application is dated 07.06.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 07.12.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 12.03.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.*

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. This is the first date of hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **one last opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. *It is made clear that in case any of the party do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.*

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**APPEAL CASE NO. 6136 OF 2022**

3. To come up on **21.05.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date :12.03.2025**

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Sh. Santokh Singh, (7526985294)  
S/o Sh. Janga Singh, Village Thara Singh Wala Uttar,  
Tehsil Jalalabad, DisttFazilka.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer  
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Guruharsahai, Distt Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority ,  
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Ferozepur.

Respondent

**APPEAL CASE NO. 6144 OF 2022**

Present :- (i) Sh. Santokh Singh the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent : None is present on behalf of the respondent

**ORDER**

The above said appeal case was earlier allocated to former SIC Sh. Maninder Singh Patti, SIC. After his retirement, the said appeal case was reallocated to the undersigned. The RTI application is dated 31.08.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 08.12.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 12.03.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. Sh. Santokh Singh stated that no response whatsoever has been received from the respondents till date. No one has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents nor has any communication been received from them. This is the first date of hearing before the undersigned, in the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded **one last opportunity** to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific information, duly attested, free of cost, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application dated 31.08.2022 and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided,



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**APPEAL CASE NO. 6144 OF 2022**

before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records. Respondents to note that in case no one comes present on their behalf on the next date fixed, punitive provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 may be invoked against the erring officer(s). ***The appellant will be contacted on mobile no. 7526985294 on the next date of hearing.***

4. To come up on **21.05.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. NalinTayal, (7837600470)  
Founder Member and Past President,  
Sh. Nitin Kumar Tayal (Er.), Founder Member and Past Secretary,  
The Gats Urban Cooperative Thrift & Credit Society Ltd, SCO 1-3 B,  
Swami VivekanadVridhashram Market, B Block, Model Town,  
Extension Ludhiana – 141002

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer  
O/o Assistant Registrar, Cooperative Societies,  
Ludhiana (West).

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Joint Registrar, Cooperative Societies,  
C/o The Patiala Central Cooperative Bank Ltd.,  
Patiala.

Respondent

**APPEAL CASE NO. 6147 OF 2022**

Present :- (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Sarbjot Singh, Inspector (9888637671)

**ORDER**

*This order may be read with reference to the previous orders passed by the former SIC Sh.Maninder Singh Patti on 23.08.2023 vide which the appellant was not present and an inspection rights were given to the appellant. After his retirement, the said appeal case was reallocated to the undersigned. The RTI application is dated 25.08.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 08.12.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 12.03.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.*

2. Today again the appellant is not present. Respondent states that the appellant has not visit their office to inspect the record. This is first date before the undersigned, in the interest of justice one last opportunity is given to the appellant to visit the office of the respondent, inspect the record and obtain the information, if he so desires. *It is made clear*

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**APPEAL CASE NO. 6147 OF 2022**

*that in case any of the party do not appear on the next date of hearing , appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.*

3. To come up on **21.05.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.  
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date :12.03.2025**

**Sd/-  
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Shri Harpal Singh, (99142 17536)  
S/o Shri Arjan Singh, Village Jahindpur,  
P.O JaitoSarja, Tehsil Batala,  
District Gurdaspur – 143506

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Tehsildar, Batala,  
District Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Gurdaspur.

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 6152 OF 2022**

Present :- (i) Sh. Harpal Singh the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent : None is present on behalf of the respondent

**ORDER**

The above said appeal case was earlier allocated to Sh. Maninder Singh Patti, SIC. After his retirement, the said appeal case was reallocated to the undersigned. The RTI application is dated 15.11.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 09.12.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 12.03.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. Sh. Harpal stated that no response whatsoever has been received from the respondents till date. No one has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents nor has any communication been received from them. This is first date before the undersigned, in the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific information, duly attested, free of cost, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next

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date fixed, for its perusal and records. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

4. To come up on **21.05.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.  
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date :12.03.2025**

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Shri Ram Pal Dass, (98781 76935)  
S/o Shri Naranjan Dass, R/o Village Dandoa,  
Post Office Panjola, Tehsil & District Patiala – 147101

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Block Sanaur, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Patiala.

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 6155 OF 2022**

Present :- (i) Sh Rampal Dass, Appellant  
(ii) For the respondent : Sh Dheeraj Sharma, Panchayat Secy (98032-00088)

**ORDER**

*This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.09.2023 passed by the former SIc Sh. Maninder Singh Patti vide which the appellant was asked to point out deficiencies. After his retirement, the said appeal case was reallocated to the undersigned. The RTI application is dated 26.07.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 09.12.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).*

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 12.03.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.
3. Today the respondent states that the information has already been sent to the appellant.
4. The appellant Sh. Ram Pal Dass states that he has not received any information.
5. After hearing both the parties and examining the case file, it is observed that the appellant has not received any information so far. This is the first date of hearing before the undersigned, hence taking a lenient view, **one last opportunity** is given to the respondent

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to send a copy of the information again to the appellant. On receipt of the information, the Appellant is advised to go through the same and point out the deficiencies in the information provided by the Respondent, if any. Further the respondent is directed to remove the same.

6. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

7. To come up on **21.05.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date :12.03.2025**

**Sd/-  
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Shri Sukhchain Singh, (94635 18565)  
Sonam Mohalla, Fatehgarh Churian,  
Tehsil Batala, District Gurdaspur.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Naib Tehsildar, Fatehgarh Churian,  
Tehsil Batala, District Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,  
Batala, District Gurdaspur.

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 6209 OF 2022**

Present :- (i) Sh. Sukhchain Singh the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent : Smt. Jaswinder Kaur, Registry Clerk (9872393284)

**ORDER**

*This order may be read with reference to the previous order passed by the former SIC Sh. Maninder Singh Patti on 23.08.2023 and 18.09.2023.* After his retirement, the said appeal case was reallocated to the undersigned. The RTI application is dated 25.04.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 12.12.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 12.03.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

2. Respondent states that the *pointwise* reply alongwith information has already been sent to the appellant.

3. The appellant Sh. Sukhchain Singh states that he is not satisfied with the reply provided by the respondent.

4. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant demanded information on five points. Further he is satisfied on point nos. 01 and 02. Regarding point no. 3 & 4, respondent is directed to provide the information to the



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**APPEAL CASE NO. 6209 OF 2022**

appellant. Regarding point no.5, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent on **19.03.2025 at 11.00 AM**, inspect the record and obtain the information. Respondent is directed to provide the same to the appellant, within a fortnight, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. To come up on **21.05.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :12.03.2025

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Shri Surjit Singh, (98559 00321)  
S/o Shri Gokul Singh, R/o VPO Jarg, Tehsil Payal,  
District Ludhiana – 141415

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Block Doraha, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Ludhiana.

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 6210 OF 2022**

Present :- (i) Sh Surjit Singh, Appellant  
(ii) For the respondent :Sh Darbara Singh, Panchayat Secy (98159-81519)

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.09.2023 passed by the former SIC Sh. Maninder Singh Patti. After his retirement, the said appeal case was reallocated to the undersigned. The RTI application is dated 15.09.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 12.12.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 12.03.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.
3. Today the appellant states that no information has been provided to him.
4. Sh Darbara Singh, Panchayat Secy is appearing on behalf of the respondent.
5. After hearing both the parties and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that the information has not been provided to the appellant. Sh Darbara Singh, Panchayat Secretary is appearing on behalf of the respondent today. He is not in position to satisfy the Commission. This shows that the respondent PIO has no regard for the orders issued by

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the Commission. However taking a lenient view, , **PIO O/o BDPO, Doraha, Distt. Ludhiana** is directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing along with his point-wise specific reply indicating the position of each issue as to whether the information has been supplied and if not, the reason thereof, failing which action under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act will be initiated. *It is made clear that in case any of the party do not appear on the next date of hearing , appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.*

6. To come up on **21.05.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :12.03.2025

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Sh. Jagjit Singh Sidhu, (9592034184)  
S/o Sh. Sadhu Singh Sidhu, VPO RamgarhSardara,  
Tehsil Payal, Distt Ludhiana.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Malouad, Distt Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority  
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Ludhiana.

Respondent

**APPEAL CASE NO. 6221 OF 2022**

Present :- None for the parties.

**ORDER**

*This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.08.2023 passed by the former SIC Sh. Maninder Singh Patti. After his retirement, the said appeal case was reallocated to the undersigned. The RTI application is dated 01.08.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 12.12.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 12.03.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.*

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. This is the first date of hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **one last opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. *It is made clear that in case any of the party do not appear on the next date of hearing , appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.*

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**APPEAL CASE NO. 6221 OF 2022**

3. To come up on **21.05.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.  
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**Date :12.03.2025**

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Shri Randhir Singh, (98724 15372)  
S/o Shri Mahinder Singh, Village Shahpur,  
P.O Bujrak, Tehsil Samana, District Patiala.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Block Samana, District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Patiala.

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 6230 OF 2022**

Present :- (i) Sh Randhir Singh, Appellant along with Sh Sukhjeet Singh  
(ii) For the respondent :Sh Sukhchain Singh, VDO (98146-05292) and Sh Jagtar Singh, TC (94178-74309)

**ORDER**

The above said appeal case was earlier allocated to Sh. Maninder Singh Patti, SIC. After his retirement, the said appeal case was reallocated to the undersigned. The RTI application is dated 09.05.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 13.12.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 12.03.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.
3. The Appellant states that no information has been provided to him.
4. The respondent states that the information has been sent to the appellant through post on 11.03.2024.
5. After hearing both the parties and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that the respondent has sent the information to the appellant.

On receipt of the information, the Appellant is advised to go through the same and point out the deficiencies in the information provided by the Respondent. Further the respondents are directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing.

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**APPEAL CASE NO. 6230 OF 2022**

6. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

7. To come up on 21.05.2025 **at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.  
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date :12.03.2025**

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Sh. Gurcharan Singh,  
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Namdev Mandir Road, Khanna.  
M: 9876400267

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Director Public Instructions (SE)  
PSEB Complex, Director Public Instructions  
(DPI, near Mohali Old Bus Stand, Sector 62, Colleges,  
Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar, Punjab 160062

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Director School Education,  
PSEB Complex, Director Public Instructions  
(DPI, near Mohali Old Bus Stand, Sector 62, Colleges,  
Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar, Punjab 160062

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 614 OF 2024**

Present :- None for the parties.

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.01.2025 vide which the respondent was not present and the appellant was advised to point out deficiencies to the respondent.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. An email has been received from the appellant Sh. Gurcharan Singh that he has sent copy of deficiencies to the respondent. Respondent has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing. The perusal of the file shows that the respondent is absent for second consecutive hearing today in the Commission. This shows that he has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application, which reflects disrespect towards that RTI act 2005 itself. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the Respondent in responding



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**APPEAL CASE NO. 614 OF 2024**

to the RTI application. It was felt that conduct of Respondent was against the spirit of the RTI Act 2005, which was enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information.

3. However, before taking any penal proceedings against the Respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give **one last opportunity** to him to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing. The PIO is however, cautioned to exercise due care in future to ensure that correct and complete information is furnished timely to the RTI applicant(s) as provisions of the Act failing which penal proceedings under Section 20 shall be initiated. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

4. To come up on **21.05.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date:12.03.2025**

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